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FOR NEA/PAB, HORNBLow FROM FLOYD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, AF
SUBJECT: SALE OF SEIZED OPIUM

1. HAVE RECEIVED QUERY FROM JACOBI OF MALINKRODT,
ST. LOUIS, WHO UNACCOUNTABLY (DESPITE SEVERAL PREVIOUS
PURCHASES BY MALINKRODT) CONTINUES TO HAVE QUESTIONS RE
AFGHAN PROCEDURES. WOULD APPRECIATE, THEREFORE, YOUR
CALLING HIM TO PASS ON FOLLOWING.

2. USUAL AFGHAN PROCEDURE, AND ONE WHICH IS BEING
FOLLOWED IN THIS INSTANCE, IS TO SOLICIT BIDS FROM
VARIOUS PHARMACEUTICAL HOUSES WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME
PERIOD. BIDS ARE THEN OPENED AND A NEWSPAPER NOTICE IS
PUBLISHED SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF THE HIGHEST BID, BUT NOT
RPT NOT THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. THE NOTICE ALSO CONTAINS
A REQUEST ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, "ANYONE WISHING TO
BUY (SUPPLY NAME OF COMMODITY) AT A HIGHER PRICE
SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE (SUPPLY NAME OF RELEVANT
AFGHAN MINISTRY OR OFFICE(BEFORE (SUPPLY DATE OF
DEADLINE)." ADMITTEDLY, THIS SEEMS A CUMBERSOME,
IF NOT DOWNRIGHT UNFAIR, WAY OF GOING ABOUT PICKING
A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT'S DONE
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HERE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MALINKRODT WANTS TO KNOW
WHEN THE ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE IN THE LOCAL
PRESS, AND WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET THIS
INFO TO THE FIRM THROUGH YOU. WE ASSUME THAT
MALINKRODT, BEING NO STRANGER HERE, IS AWARE THAT

GIVEN TIME DIFFERENCES KABUL-ST. LOUIS, DIFFERENT
WEEKEND, AND FACT THAT DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO
NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT IS FREQUENTLY SHORT, WAITING
FOR THE NEWSPAPER NOTICE IS A CHANCY WAY TO BID.
IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HURT TO POINT OUT THESE
FACTORS AGAIN, HOWEVER, WHEN YOU TALK TO JACOBI.
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